

WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES

May 12, 2011

The May 12th, 2011 Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District board meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Morris at 6:00 PM, board members present were Jim Felland, Rich Charts, Andy Wojdula, Norm Pruesner Town Representative, and Jerry Grant County Representative

Clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher

Guests: Art Speerbrecher, Jeff Widner, Brad Corson, Tom Potrykus, Claudia Holst, and Jim Harmon

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes from the April 14, 2011 board meeting will be approved at the June 9th, 2011 board meeting. Brian announced Bill Watts has given us his resignation and his replacement will be discussed later in this meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chemical – In Bill Watts absence, Rich reported a notice was placed in the Whitewater Register notifying residents when spraying will occur and that permits have been received. The target date for spraying is May 23rd or 24th. Jeff Stelzer will be surveying the Whitewater and Rice Lakes on Wednesday May 18th, 2011 to determine where to spray and what chemicals will be used. Signs will be posted on piers just prior to spraying.

Weed Harvesting - Andy had nothing to report at the time of this meeting.

Bob - Brian had nothing to report at the time of this meeting.

Equipment - Jim reported Jeff Widner, Rich, and himself visited Delavan Lake Management District and the Sanitation Department where their harvesters are stored over the winter. They gave us a copy of their maintenance procedures from their Delavan Lake Equipment Manual. Jim motioned to adopt these procedures. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Aquarius is scheduled to come out on May 18th, 2011 to look over our equipment. The following questions will be asked of them: 1) What are the known problems on the equipment. 2) Life span of the equipment. 3) If we were to refurbish what would the expected life span be. 4) What would be needed to refurbish. 5) Total cost. 6) Replacement cost if machine breaks down. Further discussion will be held at the August board meeting. Andy will purchase two parking permits for our trucks.

Financial – Rich reported expenses for April totaled \$19,289.66. He also reviewed the budget to date. He motioned to approve these expenses for payment and how we stand to date on the budget. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Rich motioned we separate out maintenance repairs to a separate bucket as well as insurance. We will review this at the June board meeting and cut over in July finalizing these changes. Andy seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Rich also made a recommendation we table winter storage of our equipment from the contract for at least another month to absorb and figure out where is the best way to store our equipment. He also brought up

the Harvesting / Bog contract had not been signed as of this meeting. Brian will see Jeff for signing on May 13th, 2011.

Goose Depredation - In Dave Cleven's absence Brian reported the eggs have been oiled and nothing more will happen until molting season in mid June. He again commented that we are not seeking to eliminate the geese just control these federal migratory birds.

Audit Committee – Brad Corson handed out a draft of the audit summation. He reported that cash, accounts payable, and income were in good order. For the future he recommends that invoices over \$500 be approved and signed off prior to being paid. Parts and repairs must have an equipment number written on the invoice or they will not be paid. Rich moved we accept the audit report as presented. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Fish Stocking Committee – Tom Potrykus reported the state is stocking 342 large Northern fingerlings and 22,400 small Walleye fingerlings. On May 13, 2011 - 1,263 5-7" Walleyes will be stocked at the Scenic Ridge location. He reported the fish kill last summer was a natural occurrence and not due to chemical spraying. During hot summer months a bacteria called Columnaris forms in the water and weak fish are affected and die. Zebra mussels are in the lake and in the future will be an issue. The DNR and UW Whitewater students are working together on a project to help reduce the carp population. Nets will be placed in 3 areas (ponds) to capture as many carp possible. Tom noted as chairman, one of his objectives is to improve the Blue Gill population. Brian asked the board to continue to support Tom and his fish stocking efforts and thanked him for a great informative presentation.

Resignation of Bill Watts - Bill Watts has sold his home on Whitewater Lake and will become a permanent resident of Florida. The board had been asked to consider Brad Corson to assume Bill's position on the board. Brian then asked Brad if he would consider being appointed on the board in Bill Watt's place. Brad agreed. Rich motioned to approve Brad Corson's agreement to accept Bill Watt's position on the board. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Norm asked the board if they would be interested in overseeing the operations of the Boat Patrol. It was unanimous the board was not interested to be involved in this activity.

Brian thanked Jim Harmon for the work he does for us and assured him bids are always open to any outside bidder for subcontracting the Harvesting / Bog operations.

A spring newsletter did not go out to residents due to the resignation of Bill Watts and the board wanting to be current on happening issues. Brian asked the board if we want to put out a newsletter in two or three weeks. Brian motioned based on a pole of board members we discontinue the spring newsletter subject to asking input of residents at the annual meeting. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

June 15th, 2011 we have been invited to observe the dredging of an area on Delavan Lake.

The Whitewater Lake Association has asked what is happening with the survey regarding wake ordinances and jumbo boats.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Speerbrecher, Clerk

Next Meeting June 9, 2011 6:00 PM Whitewater Town Hall

